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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7 are pending in the application.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 6 and in part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structures 1-10 disclosed on page 25 of specification.

Group II, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structures 12-14 disclosed on page 26 of specification.

Group III, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structures 17-18 disclosed on page 26 of specification.

Group IV, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structure 19 disclosed on page 26 of specification.

Group V, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structures 31-33 disclosed on page 28 of specification.

Group VI, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structures 34-35 disclosed on page 28 of specification.

Group VII, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structures 36-38 disclosed on page 28 of specification.

Group VIII, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structures 41-43 and 47-51 disclosed on page 29 of specification.

Group IX, claim(s) In part 1-5, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (I) represented by compounds of structure 40 disclosed on page 28 of specification.

Group X, claim(s) In part 7, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (V) represented by compounds of structures 62-67 disclosed on page 33 of specification.

Group XI, claim(s) In part 7, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (V) represented by compounds of structures 68-69 disclosed on page 33 of specification.

Group XII, claim(s) In part 7, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (V) represented by compounds of structures 70 or 73 disclosed on page 33 of specification.

Group XIII, claim(s) In part 7, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (V) represented by compounds of structures 76 or 77 disclosed on page 34 of specification.

Group XIV, claim(s) In part 7, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (V) represented by compounds of structure 81 or 102 disclosed on pages 34 and 36 of specification.

Group XV, claim(s) In part 7, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (V) represented by compounds of structure 94 or 95 disclosed on page 36 of specification.

Group XVI, claim(s) In part 7, drawn to An organic electroluminescent device containing compounds of formula (V) represented by compounds of structure 96 or 99 disclosed on page 36 of specification.

3. The inventions listed as Groups I through XVI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

There is no common core which in the Markush Practice, is a significant structural element shared by all of the alternatives; see PCT Administrative Instructions Annex B Part I (f) (i) (B) (1).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

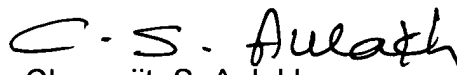
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on (571)272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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